



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**COWBOY POETRY WEEK**  
APRIL 16-22, 2006

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the American West, and North Dakota in particular, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving western heritage and culture through oral and written poetry; and

**WHEREAS**, the endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished part of North Dakota's legendary history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the important role cowboy poetry plays in preserving our state's rich heritage, while promoting the proud traditions and values of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 16-22, 2006, **COWBOY POETRY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State